

HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

At a Special Hybrid Meeting of the Housing and Communities Committee held in the Civic Space, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 25 October 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors Ian Dickson, Gurpreet Singh Johal, Jonathan McColl, Michelle McGinty, John Millar, Lawrence O'Neill, Lauren Oxley, Martin Rooney, Hazel Sorrell and Sophie Traynor.

Attending: Peter Barry – Chief Officer, Housing and Employability; Alan Douglas – Chief Officer, Regulatory and Regeneration; John Kerr, Housing Development and Homelessness Manager; Nicola Pettigrew, Housing Operations Manager; Alan Young, Housing Asset and Investment Manager; Nigel Ettles, Legal Officer; Nicola Moorcroft and Ashley MacIntyre, Committee Officers.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors David McBride and James McElhill.

Councillor Gurpreet Singh Johal in the Chair

STATEMENT BY CHAIR – AUDIO STREAMING

Councillor Singh Johal, Chair, advised that the meeting was being audio streamed and broadcast live to the internet and would be available for playback.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in the item of business on the agenda.

RECORDING OF VOTES

The Committee agreed that all votes taken during the meeting would be done by roll call vote to ensure an accurate record.

SCOTTISH SOCIAL HOUSING CHARTER – WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Housing and Employability, providing benchmarking information relating to how the Council has performed against the Scottish Social Housing Charter indicators and an update into how the Council is meeting the requirements of the Scottish Housing Regulator's Regulatory Framework including approving the Council's Annual Assurance Statement.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Officer – Housing and Employability and the Housing Development and Homelessness Manager in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report recognising the ongoing legacy impacts the pandemic continued to have on 2022/23 performance;
- (2) to approve the Council's Annual Assurance Statement, which would be signed by the Housing and Communities Committee Convener on behalf of the Housing and Communities Committee and submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator as per regulatory requirements;
- (3) to note that a Charter Improvement Plan had been developed based on a comprehensive assessment of performance which had informed the production of the Council's Annual Charter Performance Report; and
- (4) to note that a further progress report on the Scottish Social Housing Charter would be submitted to the November 2023 meeting of the Housing and Communities Committee.

The meeting closed at 3.49 p.m.